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Marshville Heritage Festival visitors David Petriw, from left, and Callum Berry chop a log with a handsaw, with volunteer Donald Hardy in Wainfleet, Ont. See more on page 3

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Busy season at Sugarloaf marina

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It might not have broken any records, but the hot dry weather this summer meant an extremely busy season for Port Colborne's Sugarloaf Harbour Marina.

"It was busy. The numbers — everything was up," said Mark Minor, supervisor at the city-owned marina.

"We saw a lot more boats, a lot more transient boats coming through."

He said there were a few windy days that kept boaters at bay, but for the most part the weather offered ideal conditions for boating on Lake Erie.

"I don't want to say record-setting, but we probably went from 390 to 430 boats," he said, referring to the increase in seasonal slip rentals from 2015 to 2016.

"Our numbers are definitely up from last year. We're seeing it in everything. Even our ice sales are through the roof, and we're selling lots of fuel," Minor said.

He said the marina had previously set aside 400 slips for seasonal boaters, while keeping 300 docks ready for boaters who arrive from other ports. But as the number of customers continues to increase, he said the marina



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Heldor Robecocho, a chef from Don Cherry's Sports Grill, prepares enough perch to serve 150 people, to help the city celebrate the end of the season at Sugarloaf Harbour Marina.

chose to change the ratio to accommodate more seasonal rentals and avoid a waiting list.

The city celebrated the end of the season with its Year End Finale, last Saturday, with boaters as well as the community at large.

Minor said the marina sold out of more than 150 tickets

for perch dinners prepared by Don Cherry's Sports Grill and served during the event held in the waterfront pavilion.

Although winter activities at the marina are increasing significantly, too — such as boat storage.

"We went from 55 boats just over two years ago to 181 boats. And last year we stored 110," he said. "This year, I think we're going to be even higher than that."

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Big Brothers Big Sisters month for 2016 is focusing on "Mentoring Matters" to highlight the positive influence a mentor can have in a child's life.

## Agency focusing on mentorship in September

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Month is giving the non-profit organization a chance to highlight what it's all about.

Jennifer Roberge, development and events co-ordinator for the Niagara Falls branch, said the month is about raising awareness of the organization's programming.

She said mentoring programs have a lot to offer

children and help them live better lives.

"Mentoring helps further a child's education, promote healthy lifestyles and ultimately break the cycle of poverty, violence and drugs," Roberge said.

The mentoring program works to pair children with mentors to give the children the opportunity to have a positive role model in their lives.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## 'Great weekend' at heritage fest

ALLAN BENNER  
Postmedia Network

While it might be the historic displays that draw thousands of visitors to Wainfleet every Labour Day weekend, it's the craft show that has kept Marshville Heritage Festival running for nearly three decades.

And Art Dean, who organizes the craft sale, said the quality of the merchandise that has led to the 28-year-old event's longevity.

"That's what dictates the quality of the show," he said.

Maintaining that quality is more important to Dean than ensuring every available vendor booth is occupied. As a result, he said the show was limited to about 100 vendors this year, which is a little less than usual.

Dean said he would have been able to fill those vacancies, "but with lesser quality crafts."

"And we refuse to do that," he said.

Jerry Vanderklok recently joined the craft show as a vendor, selling items he intricately decorated by wood-burning at his booth called Rustic Creations by JV.

Although Vanderklok is well-known as executive director of Open Arms Mission in Welland, he wasn't immediately recognizable through the thick beard he wore to fit in with his period

costume.

"As an exhibitor here, the criteria is to dress the part of a pioneer," he explained.

He said he has another show next weekend, and plans to shave after that—maybe.

"I don't know, I kind of like being undercover," he quipped. "Maybe I'll stay this way."

It's the second time Vanderklok has been involved in Marshville Heritage Festival, and he was impressed.

"It's a great show," he said.

"It's a lot of fun, and it's a lot of history, too."

Vendor booths filled the Wainfleet arena, and many more were set up throughout Marshville Heritage Village for the festival, while dozens of volunteers dressed in period clothing demonstrated what life was like in the community in 1800s within the historic buildings within the village.

There was plenty of entertainment for visitors including children's performers and musical groups performing on the front porch of an old log cabin.

Bob Shoalts, who helped start Marshville Heritage Festival 28 years ago, was impressed with attendance at this year's event.

"We had a great weekend, and a great day yesterday," said Shoalts, referring to last Saturday.



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Art Ellis, left, speaks with Ron Schroder, while selling items that had been used in the printing industry long ago during the Marshville Heritage Festival in Wainfleet, Ont.

"The parking lot by 11 a.m. was full out there."

Although on the Sunday it takes a little longer before the park fills with visitors, he said it was even busier.

"The weather, you can't beat it," Shoalts said.

This year's event featured a few new attractions, including the Crystal Beach Planing Mill and the Bill Sarge Barbershop.

Another new addition to this year's was an auction, held to sell off some of the

society's extensive collection of antiques last Sunday and Monday.

Wainfleet auctioneer Kevin Gibson led the bidding for more than 100 items that included century-old farm equipment, displayed on

wagons set up near the Inco dairy barn.

People often donate items to the Marshville Heritage Festival Committee, "and when they have got three of something and storage becomes an issue," he said auctioning off the extras is better than leaving them packed away "in a barn for 40 years."

"They sell it and use the money to help the festival run," he said. "It's really a great system."

Although Gibson said his job is "to get every nickel out of your pocket that I can get," there were still a lot of great deals on some of the items that were sold.

"It's fun," he said with a laugh. "It's a good job."

Gibson started his auction business, specializing in charitable organizations, after retiring from a 34-year career as an RCMP officer.

"I knew I wanted to be an auctioneer for 15 years," he said, adding there are similarities between being a police officer and an auctioneer.

"Talking to people and understanding people, it's the same job. When you're auctioneering, looking at that face and trying to understand what that face is telling me is half the job."

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# Knee injuries common among pets


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We finally have a little cooler weather in Niagara and my dog is suddenly much more active outdoors.

Minnow, my black Lab, has had a long hot summer and is enjoying the time outdoors hiking and exploring the woods behind our home. Letting your dog off leash to run, fetch a ball or just hike are some of the most enjoyable times with your dog.

But injuries can occur. One of the more common injuries I see presented at my animal hospital are injuries to the knee.

A dog's knee is the middle joint in the hind leg, more commonly referred to as the stifle joint. There are many ligaments in the stifle, but one of the most important stabilizers is the cranial cruciate ligament.

In humans, this ligament is referred to as the anterior cruciate ligament. Partial or complete tears to this ligament can lead to permanent lameness if left untreated.

Risk factors to dogs for damaging this cruciate ligament include being overweight and out of condition. These, of course, are risk factors for humans as well. A lean body mass is necessary to maintain good internal health as well as healthy muscles and joints. To reduce the chance of stifle injury, it is important to exercise your dog regularly every day and avoid sudden excessive activity.

Breed is also a risk factor with large breed dogs more susceptible than smaller breeds. A cruciate tear in a cat is rare, possibly due to the fact cats are not as active but when I do see one it is usually on an overweight cat.

The cranial cruciate ligament also undergoes degeneration with age. Partial tears can occur, causing mild lameness



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that can resolve, only to recur more severely a few months later with complete tearing of the ligament. This disease process is accompanied with

arthritic changes. Most human cruciate tears are more sudden due to an athletic injury.

If a cruciate tear occurs, your dog will become sud-

denly lame, using the affected leg only to balance. You will notice your dog has great difficulty getting up from a laying position, climbing stairs or get-

ting into the car. It hurts to bear weight and move the joint and you may feel swelling and heat on the inside of the joint.

This is the time to take your dog to your veterinarian for an exam. Your veterinarian will watch how your dog walks and uses each limb, then examine the affected leg. There are some very specific manipulations (movements of the joint) by the veterinarian that can suggest a cranial cruciate ligament tear. Often sedation is needed to prevent added pain to your dog and to get good relaxation for these manipulations. X-rays are also often taken of the joint. Although the ligament is not visible on the X-ray, there are associated changes to the joint such as effusion (fluid accumulation in the joint) and arthritis. This helps to determine severity of the injury and predict healing course. The X-rays are also important as an aid to rule out any other reasons that may be causing the lameness.

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# Religion: I've been thinking who is your father?

**PASTOR MICHAEL MIELO**  
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Jesus taught us to pray. "Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen" (Matthew 6:9-13; see Luke 11:2-4).

The Lord's prayer is a summary of everything we should pray for, and all good prayers in the bible relate to the introduction, conclusion or one or more of the seven petitions.

It is the Christian prayer

because: 1. God Himself commands us to pray this way, saying, "In this manner, therefore; pray, 'Our Father...'" (Matthew 6:9). "When you pray, say 'Our Father...'" (Luke 11:2); therefore, we should be confident that when praying the Lord's Prayer: 1. we are praying for what God says we need, what is good for us, and what He wants to give us. 2. He hears and answers our prayer (John 5:14; Psalm 50:15); and 3. He is our true Father and we are His true children, and, of course, our good, loving Father wants to hear His children speak to Him, thank Him and ask Him for certain things, and that He answers our prayer in the best possible way (Luke 11:5-13).

God creates the most intimate loving relationship with Christians by giving us faith

in who Christ is and what He has done for our salvation. The Father loves and cares for His children. So, Jesus told us to pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven..."

Jesus begins with the most beautiful, loving and comforting words we could ever address to God. He teaches us that we are to look at and relate to God as our perfect, loving, heavenly Father, not as a strict master or distant king who has no interest in our everyday lives. God creates this loving relationship by making us His beloved children by His word and the waters of holy baptism. In this way the Holy Spirit is given, and the Holy Spirit gives faith to us. This is what it means to be converted, born again, born from on high (John 3), members of His body

(1 Corinthians 12), branches grafted onto Him who is the Vine (John 15), precious sheep of His fold (Psalm 23; John 10), and coheirs with Christ of everlasting life (Romans 8).

As a loving Father teaches his children how to speak, what is proper and good to say, what we need, and what should be expected of the father in their relationship. So also God teaches us how to speak to Him, what words are pleasing to Him, what we need, and what we should expect of Him in this loving relationship. Before the Lord's prayer was ever our word to say to the Father, it was and remains God's word to us. By it He teaches us who we are and what we really need. In this prayer we ask God to do for us and all people exactly what He has already promised

to do for us.

The words, "Our Father" urge us to remember that He is our redeemer so that we can say, "You, O Lord, are our Father; our Redeemer from everlasting is your name" (Isaiah 63:16).

God's love for us moves Him to redeem us, to buy us back, to purchase us with His own blood on the cross, that we might not die, but live with Him forever (John 3:14-16). His love for us moves Him to sacrifice everything in order to make us His children.

Therefore we can speak to Him with all confidence and make our requests known to Him in the knowledge that He tenderly invites us to pray, and to expect good things from Him. Our heavenly Father promises to give us all good

things (Luke 11:9-13; Hebrews 4:16; John 16:23; Matthew 6:24-34; Psalm 103:13), and because He is our Father by faith, everyone who believes in Him is a brother or sister of everyone else who believes in Him. As members of one family we love and care for one another, pray for each other, and serve each other as God gives us ability. We share in our Father's love, forgiveness, salvation, joy and every blessing (Romans 12:10; 13:8; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 4:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; John 13:34; 1 John 3:16), because that is who He is, and who we are.

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God" (1 John 3:1). Thanks be to God, in Christ our loving Saviour.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Welland singers take top prizes south of the border

**LAURA BARTON**  
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Four Welland youths returned home with a whole heap of trophies after competing in a national competition at the end of July.

Students from the Ontario Conservatory of Music in Welland competed at the American Guild of Music's 115th annual competition, and the 12- and 13-year olds have a lot to show for their efforts at the four-day event.

"That's a lot of trophies, I didn't realize we had that many," said Maraya Morales, 12, once all the girls had put their trophies on display together.

Sitting on the top of a grand piano, there are about 20 trophies, which they won for their individual singing and duets.

Linda Tamburri, who owns and teaches at the conservatory, was in awe of how impressive all the awards looked side-by-side. All the other years she's gone to the competition, she said she's pretty much been able to tell who the frontrunners were in a lot of the classes, but this year was tough to tell.

"(It's) very competitive, so when you win, you know you've

deserved it," she said.

The big winner at this year's competition was 13-year-old Maggie Jessop, who won the national title for Broadway vocals.

She said she wasn't expecting to win the top spot because she was competing against people much older than her, some of them in their 20s.

"It was a lot of emotions at once because I didn't really expect to even qualify," she said. "So it was crazy that I won against all those amazing people."

It was her first national competition, and she said it was pretty nerve-wracking, but a lot of fun, too.

Some of the fun was because it took place at Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Sandusky, Ohio. The waterpark on site gave the girls something fun to do while they were there.

Gabryelle Corriveau, 13, said it was nice to have that time to go to the waterpark and it also gave the girls the chance to spend some time together, even though they were competing against one another.

Morales said it's about doing your best, but still being a good sport.

"After months of hard working, you have to put in your all, but you have to still be friendly with your competitors, too."

Tamburri described the competition as really fair and well-organized, which made it that much better to be there. Sometimes competitions are all over the place with scheduling, but it was pretty well laid out for this one.

The national competition is open to both American and Canadian competitors, although she said there aren't many Canadians competing in it yet.

"It's the largest mixed instrument and music festival in North America," she said.

It's hosted at a different location each year, but sticks to the Great Lakes area.

Tamburri said everyone is already looking forward to heading back next year.



LAURA BARTON/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Singers from the Ontario Conservatory of Music in Welland gather around the piano with all of the trophies they won at the American Guild of Music National Competition in July. From left, Maraya Morales, 12; Melodie Corriveau, 12; Gabryelle Corriveau, 13; and Maggie Jessop, 13.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Medical specialists drawn to Niagara

RAY SPITERI  
Postmedia Network

Not that long ago, Niagara was finding it difficult to attract medical specialists.

But that's no longer the case, said Tom Stewart, chief of staff for Niagara Health System.

"We're not an under-served area anymore. Now it's a place that people want to come," he said.

Since January 2015, there have been more than 50 specialist recruitments and leadership appointments at the NHS. The specialists include obstetricians, gynecologists, radiologists and orthopedic surgeons.

There are about 650 physicians/specialists at the NHS.

"There's just been an onslaught of excellent specialists coming in — (which has resulted in an) increase in pharmacy and physiotherapy and rehabilitation," said Stewart, who is also the health system's executive vice-president of medical affairs.

"There's probably a big economic impact to the region alone from this recruitment. They buy products, they buy houses."

He said the NHS has made a "concerted effort" to "market in a smart way."

"First of all, it's a great region to live. It's an amazing geographic location. It's a growing tourist industry. It's affordable compared to the GTA. I think the GO train coming

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GTA." Stewart said the partnership with McMaster University has

ing a medical school in Niagara is "very exciting to high-end specialists."

So is the fact that Niagara is also home to Brock University and Niagara College, while there's an "Innovation corridor" across the Niagara River in Buffalo.

"There's some very exciting stuff happening here. Most people know that working in an academic environment, which we now offer here, because there's medical students in residence, that that is better care because it just raises the bar of the energy around the place," he said.

"You have to be more on

your game, you're looking at the latest information, the residents are asking questions — it just raises the bar across the whole multidisciplinary team."

Stewart said when this starts to happen, "you get cohorting of specialists together."

"As we continue our journey about consolidating into centres of excellence, it doesn't mean that just because the bricks and mortar isn't right beside your house that you're not going to have excellent access to great care. This recruitment is all about that," he said.

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While Big Brothers Big Sisters Month has the overarching set of goals of creating overall awareness of programs, getting people talking about the positive influence of mentors and addressing social and economic challenges in communities, the South Niagara branch is hoping to pair up even more children with mentors.

Phil Busby, who sits on the board of directors for the branch, said Welland and Fort Colborne are currently the most in need of mentors in Niagara.

"Generally speaking, Welland and Fort Colborne need more mentors than the other municipalities we serve because they are larger populations with more chil-

dren," he said.

He said having the Niagara College campus in Welland helps because students volunteer with the program while they attend the community college, but Big Brothers Big Sisters is always looking for more people to help out.

Roberge said the main theme of the month this year is Mentoring Matters.

A child with a mentor is less likely to skip school and more likely to have better grades and a healthier lifestyle.

Mentoring is not only beneficial for the child, but also for the mentor, who she said can develop better leadership and people skills.

Busby said that during the month Welland and Fort Erie are show-

ing their support for Big Brothers Big Sisters programs by lighting up their bridges.

Welland's Main Street Bridge was lit up purple each night from last Saturday to Wednesday. The Peace Bridge in Fort Erie will light up purple each Wednesday for the entire month.

For anyone who wants to help out, but can't commit to mentoring, there are ways to do that, too.

"We have various committees for event support, bingo volunteers (and) applying to be on the board of directors," Roberge said, naming only a few.

Additional information is available at 905-735-0570 and through the Welland office at Seaway Mall on the upper floor.

## Keep pets in shape, avoid injuries

### PETS from page 4

Surgical repair of the torn ligament is the treatment of choice. Unlike humans where a graft is used to replace the ligament, repair in the dog requires a realignment of the top of the tibia. There are two very good techniques available: the "tibial plateau leveling osteotomy" (TPLO) and the "tibial tuberosity advancement" (TTA). Some smaller breeds can have the area strengthened with a suture technique that is less difficult and

less expensive. Surgery allows an 85 to 90 per cent return to function and will slow the progression of any present or future arthritis.

After-care at home is very important as well. The surgeon will advise on the amount of exercise restriction that is necessary and some physiotherapy exercises. The healing process will take three to four months. If our dog is overweight then weight loss will improve the success rate for good return to function. Your dog will

also be on some medication for several weeks to help the healing process and take care of pain.

So enjoy this gorgeous weather and get out there for a walk with your dog. If you keep your dog in a good weight range with proper diet and exercise, you will reduce the chance of a knee injury. And walking your dog helps keep you in better shape, too.

Ron Mergl is a veterinarian with a practice in Niagara Falls.

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10:00 am									
10:30 am									
11:00 am				Family Circuit 10:30 am - 11:00 am		Try Bocce 10:00 am - 11:30 am			
11:30 am				Family Bounce Family Gym Time 11:00 am - 1:00 pm					
12:00 pm									
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Oct 7, Friday	7:30PM	Komoka
Oct 14, Friday	7:30PM	St. George
Oct 21, Friday	7:30PM	Ice Jets
Oct 28, Friday	7:30PM	Oshawa
Oct 30, Sunday	7:00PM	Tillsonburg
Nov 4, Friday	7:30PM	Kingsville
Nov 6, Sunday	7:00PM	Komoka
Nov 11, Friday	7:30PM	Lincoln
Nov 13, Sunday	7:00PM	Tottenham
Nov 25, Friday	7:30PM	Predators
Dec 2, Friday	7:30PM	London
Dec 9, Friday	7:30PM	North York
Dec 16, Friday	7:30PM	Kingsville
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## LOCAL NEWS

### Starving dog feeding off itself

**LAURA BARTON**  
Postmedia Network

A severely emaciated dog found in Dunnville earlier this week is in the care of the Welland and District Humane Society.

John Greer, the animal rescue agency's executive director, said the call came in about the nine-month old black Labrador retriever mix last Tuesday at about 5:30 p.m. Animal control officers responded to the George Street and Thompson Creek Court area where someone had held the dog until they arrived on scene.

Greer said once they got there they could see just how bad the dog's condition is.

"There's absolutely no excuse you can give to allow your animal to get to that stage," Greer said of the young male dog.

The dog is so emaciated that his stomach has collapsed in on itself and there is no muscle mass left. Greer described it as the body feeding off of itself because there was no other nourishment.

As for how the dog got to this state, it's still a mystery. He was in at the veterinarian last Thursday getting bloodwork done to rule out health issues that may have caused such an extreme weight loss. Greer said the humane society is looking for potential owners.

See DOG on page 17



SUPPLIED PHOTO

This nine-month old black Labrador retriever came into the Welland and District Humane Society from Dunnville last Tuesday severely emaciated. He is currently staying in the humane society's care while he gets proper nourishment and medical treatment. Animal control officers are searching for his owners.



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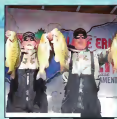
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Kennel rest, medication in the cards for dog

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"You don't know if it is an owned animal or if it is a cruelty case or is it a dog that's just been running for so long that now it's gotten emaciated," he said. "So we have to find out, that's important."

Greer said while social media has been quick to condemn an owner, the humane society first needs to find out if it even has an owner.

Greer said if it's a matter of the dog running away, and the owner taking all measures to find him, it wouldn't be a cruelty issue. That happens when an animal is blatantly neglected, either by not being fed or receiving veterinary care.

"We would definitely go for a ban of ownership," Greer said. "If it's been in somebody's care and they've allowed it to get to that state, they definitely don't deserve to get that animal back."

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John Greer, the animal rescue agency's executive director.

Greer said the humane society would go so far as to recommend lifetime ban given the extreme state of the dog found in Dunnville.

There is also the potential for prison time and a fine: up to two

years and \$60,000.

The dog's friendly state and lack of aggression suggest that it probably was owned.

Hope is not lost for this yet unnamed dog. Now that he's receiving care, he'll be getting the help he needs.

"They can turn around really quickly," Greer said. "Animals are pretty resilient."

Proper food intake and medications are high on the list of getting this dog into a healthy state. While he will get some exercise, there will be a lot of kennel rest for now.

Greer said once the dog is back in good health, he should be a good candidate for adoption.

In the meantime, Greer and the Welland SPCA are asking anyone who has information about this dog and his owner to give them a call at 905-735-1552, ext. 2.

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